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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTEREST IN TRADE WITH
VIETNAM

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OF THE
AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (AMCHAMS) IN HONG KONG AND
JAPAN ON IMPROVING ECONOMICAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH
INDOCHINA WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMCHAM IN THE ROC,
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GALE PEABODY. PEABODY STATES THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE SPECIFI-

CALLY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE ONE AGENDA ITEM FOR THE MEETING OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS (APCAC) IN SEOUL NOVEMBER 7-11 CONCERNS COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINA AND NORTH KOREA, HE IS NOT SURPRISED THAT THE HONG KONG AND JAPANESE CHAMBERS WERE PREPARING RESOLUTIONS ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED REFTELS. PEABODY BELIEVES SUCH RESOLUTIONS WILL RECEIVE CLOSE SCRUTINY AT THE APCAC MEETING, AND HE IS NOT CERTAIN THEY WOULD RECEIVE MAJORITY SUPPORT UNLESS MODERATE IN CONTENT.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE POSITION OF THE ROC AMCHAM, PEABODY SAYS IT WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON A PROPOSAL WITH SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL CONTENT BUT MIGHT GO ALONG WITH A RESOLUTION DEALING PURELY WITH COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. WHILE PEABODY CANNOT SPEAK FOR THE ROC CHAMBER, HE IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ITS MEMBERS VIEWS.
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